

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB839

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron** Thomas

3. **Committee** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title** Thermal Imaging Camera Advisory Board and Fund.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This legislation proposes to amend §9.1-201 of the Code of Virginia and amending Chapter 2 of Title 9.1 by adding a section numbered 9.1-205 of the Code of Virginia, establishing the Thermal Imaging Camera Grant Fund administered by the Department of Fire Programs to assist local fire departments, other fire services organizations and local governments to purchase thermal imaging cameras.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are final:** See item #8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** The fiscal implications of this legislation are uncertain. The legislation creates a special non-reverting fund and an advisory panel to assist the Department of Fire Programs in providing grants to localities. This agency has not historically received a significant amount of gifts or donations. Therefore, without additional information regarding the level of future funding the General Assembly may provide for this fund, the agency is unable to accurately estimate the level of interest by localities or estimate the workload resulting from administering the Fund.

The General Assembly provided a \$5,000 general fund appropriation for this fund. However, it also added a clause that states, "That the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of this act is included in the 2002 Appropriation Act passed during the 2002 Session of the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor."

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Fire Programs

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** None.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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